

A Brief History of the *Wm. B. Tennison*

The bugeye *Wm. B. Tennison* is a Chesapeake Bay oyster dredge boat built in 1899 in Crabb Island, Maryland, for B.P. and R. L. Miles.

Her hull is “chunk-built”- that is, made of nine logs instead of the frame-and-plank type of construction used more frequently for bugeyes built in the late nineteenth century. Initially powered by sail, the *Tennison* engaged in the coasting trade as well as the oyster industry. In 1906-07 her sail rig was removed, she was converted to power, and a new and larger cabin was added aft. She became an oyster buyboat, purchasing oysters from work boats at the oyster beds and taking them to oyster-packing houses.

In 1978 the Calvert Marine Museum purchased the *Tennison* from J.C. Lore and Sons, Inc., and in 1979 she passed the first of her yearly inspections, earning approval to carry 40 passengers. The *Tennison* is the only Coast Guard-licensed, log hulled vessel in the United States.

The *Tennison*'s long survival is a tribute to her builders and former owners, including Alton Kersey of Solomons.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

There are no rain dates.

In case of inclement weather, food will still be provided at the museum and a refund will be given on the cruise only.

A Brief History of the *Dee of St. Mary's*

The *Dee of St. Mary's* was commissioned by Jack Russell and built by Francis Goddard in 1979 in Piney Point, Maryland. Originally used in the commercial oyster fishery, she dredged for 10 seasons. When the oyster populations dwindled, Captain Russell transitioned the *Dee* from a commercial vessel to educational uses under the heading of Chesapeake Bay Field Lab. She has been a floating classroom since 1989. Major restoration was done on the *Dee* from 2010 to 2012, funded largely by grants from the Maryland Heritage Area Consortium. In May 2013, ownership was turned over to the Calvert Marine Museum, where she is currently docked.

STATS

Like all Chesapeake work boats, the *Dee* has a shallow draft to negotiate the waters along the shorelines and a wide bottom for stability. She is constructed mostly of white oak and spruce pine.

56' long on deck and almost 20' abeam

Carries approximately 2800 sq. ft. of sail

Draft is 42" aft, 12" at bow

Centerboard is 14' long and 52" tall

Mast is 76' tall

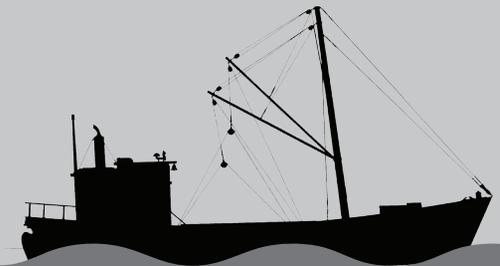
Boom is 56' long

Bow sprit is 20' long

Motor is 225 horsepower John Deere/
1.75" shaft/26x21 four blade prop

Special Cruises Schedule 2017

Special Cruises on Board
the *Wm. B. Tennison* and
Dee of St. Mary's



SOLOMONS, MARYLAND

DEE OF ST. MARY'S PUBLIC SAILS

The museum offers two-hour public sails aboard the historic skipjack *Dee of St. Mary's* departing and returning from the Calvert Marine Museum. This is a great way to experience the Patuxent River aboard an iconic Chesapeake dredge boat.

The fee is \$15 for ages 5-12, 13 and older are \$25. Sorry, children 4 and under not permitted. Advanced reservations available by noon the Friday prior to the cruise. If available, remaining tickets may be purchased at the Admissions Desk on the day of the sail. For more information contact Melissa McCormick at 410-326-2042 ext. 41.

Cruises leave at 2:30 p.m. Please arrive 20 minutes prior and go to the area under the Drum Point Lighthouse - return at approximately 4:30 p.m.



Saturday, May 27
Saturday, June 24
Saturday, July 29
Saturday, August 26
Saturday, September 30
Sunday, July 9
Sunday, August 13

Dee of St. Mary's sails and *Wm. B. Tennison* cruises leave from CMM - 14200 Solomons Island Road S., Solomons, MD 20688.

W.M. B. TENNISON CRUISES

Mother's Day Brunch Cruise

Sunday, May 14, 2017 ~ 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
What better way to say "You're Special" than a relaxing cruise and brunch. Adults \$25, children 5-12 \$15, children 4 and under \$10. *Registration required by May 10.*

Mother's Day Evening Cruise

Sunday, May 14, 2017 ~ 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
A perfect ending to Mom's Special Day. Heavy hors d'oeuvres served. Adults \$25, children 5-12 \$15, children 4 and under \$10. *Registration required by May 10.*

Kid's Pirate Pizza Cruise

Saturday, May 20, 2017 ~ 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Dress like a pirate and eat pizza on board the *Tennison*-Arggggggh! \$15 per person. *Registration required by May 18.*

Father's Day Brunch Cruise

Sunday, June 18, 2017 ~ 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Dads love being out on the water-a perfect way to say "You're the best!" Adults \$25, children 5-12 \$15, children 4 and under \$10. *Registration required by June 14.*

Father's Day Evening Cruise

Sunday, June 18, 2017 ~ 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
What dad wouldn't feel special with this treat? Heavy hors d'oeuvres served. Adults \$25, children 5-12 \$15, children 4 and under \$10. *Registration required by June 14.*

Fireworks Cruise

Tuesday, July 4, 2017 ~ 8 p.m. till ???
Come aboard for the best view in town. Bring a picnic basket if you like with your favorite food and libations. \$30 per person. No children under 7. Rain date is Wednesday, July 5, no refunds unless the fireworks are canceled on this date as well. *Registration required by June 30.*



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Historic Sunset Supper Cruises

Saturdays, June 17 ~ August 5 ~ September 2 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Climb aboard the historic *Wm. B. Tennison* for a 90-minute cruise through history. Coby Treadway, historian and museum educator, will share fascinating facts about Solomons, the WWII Amphibious Training Base, and Solomons' rich tradition of boat building. While munching appetizers, see old steamboat wharves and hear about the important role they played in town life. View historic homes, landmarks, and other points of interest. Discover where heroic battles were fought, submarines sunk, lighthouses lit, Ghost Fleets docked, and watch the sunset over the horizon. Return to the museum for a short presentation and a light supper from No Thyme To Cook. Fee is \$50 per person and reservations are required by the Wednesday prior to the cruise date. Participants are invited to bring their own libations.